

THE TORRINGTON COMPANY
SYLVANIA, GEORGIA

The Torrington Company Sylvania, Georgia, facility is a division of Ingersoll-Rand and manufactures needle bearing for the automotive industry. Torrington will complete the requirements for ISO14001 certification in July 2001 and is a charter member of EPA's WasteWise Programs. In conjunction with the 33/50 Program, Torrington collaborated in an effort to develop innovative technologies including cadmium and chromium recovery from electroplating rinse waters and in-house methods for recycling coolants and lubricants. The Sylvania facility has reduced both hazardous and non-hazardous wastes through a combination of process improvement and equipment modifications. From 2000 to 2003, Torrington expects to significantly expand production capabilities at the Sylvania facility.

At the same time, the facility has committed to continued monitoring and redesign of production lines to reduce generation of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes, as well as water and energy use.

At a Glance

Industry Sector:	Motor Vehicles and Parts
Business:	Manufactures needle bearings for automotive industry
Facility Employees:	500-1,000
Accomplishments:	Reduced hazardous waste Reduced nonhazardous waste
2003 Commitments:	Reduce water use Reduce hazardous waste Reduce nonhazardous waste Reduce energy use
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ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Past Accomplishments

The Torrington Company Sylvania facility has proved its commitment to environmental performance in the areas of hazardous and non-hazardous waste reduction. From 1998 to 2000, the facility:

- **Reduced hazardous waste generation** through process improvements designed to eliminate cyanide and other wastes derived from copper plating. Also, eliminate chlorinated solvent degreasers with alkaline washing solutions.
- **Reduced non-hazardous waste** by implementing returnable donnage program, and to reuse or recycle wood pallets and return other packaging to vendors. Additionally, the facility improved its manufacturing process to recover and recycle or reuse waste oil and water.

Future Commitments

The Sylvania facility also committed to continued environmental improvement through additional reductions in waste generation, as well as water and energy use. By 2003, the facility will:

- **Reduce water use** through implementing a water conservation program.
- **Reduce hazardous waste generation** through additional process improvements.
- **Reduce nonhazardous waste generation** through increasing recycling and reuse.
- **Reduce energy use** through implementing an energy conservation program.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Torrington Company Sylvania facility uses its Web site to make the company's environmental information available to the public.